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LONDON COMMUNIQUE

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1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, I WAS ABLE
TO SEE STATE MINISTER VON DOHNANYI ON JUNE 1. IN
CONVEYING THE POINTS SET FORTH IN REFTEL, I STRESSED
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THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG INTEREST IN THIS EFFORT TO
PROHIBIT ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

2. VON DOHNANYI RESPONDED THAT THE FRG TAKES THIS
TOPIC VERY SERIOUSLY, ALTHOUGH THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE
COMPLICATED. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS
IN JUNE, HE AGREED THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE

INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES TO COORDINATE CLOSELY. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS WORK BEFORE HE COULD GIVE A DEFINITE COMMITMENT THAT THE FRG WOULD PARTICIPATE.

3. VON DOHNANYI TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE US INTEREST IN ADDRESSING ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE AT OECD MINISTERIAL, AND ASKED WHETHER THIS ISSUE WAS ON THE AGENDA. I INFORMED HIM THAT OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP HAD BEEN ADVISED OF OUR INTEREST IN TAKING UP THIS ISSUE AT MINISTERIAL, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, PROBABLY AS PART OF THE DISCUSSION ON TRADE ISSUES.

4. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP THIS DEMARCHE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY, WHICH HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS EXERCISE.
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